

# 2005

**Montana Hunting  
Regulations**

## UPLAND GAME BIRDS



### **IMPORTANT:** Reminders for 2005

- Purchase Your General Hunting and/or Fishing Licenses Online
- Apply for Special Permit Drawings Online. Fall Turkey Permit Deadline: August 1, 2005



*Montana Fish,  
Wildlife & Parks*

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These regulations and final quotas were adopted under the authority granted to the Fish, Wildlife and Parks Commission per MCA, Section 87-1-301 and are valid March 1, 2005 through February 28, 2006. These regulations were adopted by the Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks Commission on July 7, 2005. M. Jeff Hagener, Director.

## License Requirements Chart

<b>Prerequisite Licenses Required</b>	Residents must have a conservation, an upland game bird license and the hunting access enhancement fee to purchase a turkey license.					
	The resident sportsman's license includes both a conservation and an upland game bird license.					
	Nonresidents need only a conservation license and the hunting access enhancement fee to purchase an upland game bird license and/or a turkey license.					
<b>Resident/Nonresident Years of Age</b>	<b>License Required</b>					
	<b>Upland Game Bird</b>		<b>Turkey</b>		<b>Conservation</b>	
	Res: \$6	NonRes: \$110	Res: \$5	NonRes: \$115**	Res: \$6.25	NonRes: \$9.25
Resident: 12 - 14	No		Yes		Yes	
Resident: 15 - 61	Yes		Yes		Yes	
Resident: 62+	No		Yes		Yes	
Resident: Montana FWP Certified Disabled	No		Yes		Yes	
Nonresident: 12 - 14		Yes		Yes		Yes
Nonresident: 15+		Yes		Yes		Yes
Resident Flathead Reservation Use Permit	A valid "Resident of the Flathead Reservation Use Permit" with a valid Flathead Reservation Bird Stamp will be honored by the state wherever hunting for upland or migratory birds is lawful in Montana					
<b>** Nonresident Turkey License Fee</b> - This license fee varies depending on whether the applicant holds a current years' upland game bird license. Cost without an upland game bird license = \$115. Cost with an upland game bird license = \$55.						
<b>Hunting Access Enhancement Fee</b> - This is an annual fee and will be charged at the time the hunter purchases his/her first hunting license, including upland and migratory bird. Cost = \$2 resident and \$10 nonresident.						
<b>Webless Migratory Birds</b> - Hunters are reminded a Conservation License and a Montana Migratory Bird License is required to hunt Mourning Doves, Sandhill Cranes and Common Snipe. Please check the Webless Migratory Bird Regulations for specific details.						

## General Regulations

### License Requirements –

- Reference license chart above. Licenses are available at all Fish, Wildlife & Parks offices, license providers throughout the state and online at fwp.mt.gov or discoveringmontana.com. The license is valid March 1 through February of the following year.
- Permit Applications Available Online – hunters may apply for a fall turkey special permit online at fwp.mt.gov or discoveringmontana.com. The hunter still has the option of applying by the deadline of August 1 at any FWP office or by submitting an application as specified in these regulations.

### Mailing Lists –

- FWP regularly receives requests for mailing lists. This year, to better protect your privacy, when you purchase a conservation license you'll be asked if you want your name and address included on mailing lists that FWP will compile for vendors, businesses and others who seek this information.
- While FWP will not include your name and address if you so request, it is important for you to know that Montana law requires FWP to allow public access to department records. As a result, vendors, businesses and others who wish to compile their own mailing lists may do so.
- Your privacy is important to FWP and the State of Montana. To further protect your privacy, FWP will not allow access to your Social Security number, ALS number, phone number, age, date of birth, employer, height, weight, eye and hair color.

**Check Stations –** All hunters and anglers are required by law to stop as directed at all designated check stations on their way to and from hunting and fishing areas, even if they have no game or fish to be checked.

**Hunter Education –** If you were born after January 1, 1985, you are required to show proof of completion of a Montana hunter safety and education course or an approved hunter safety course from any other state or province prior to applying for or purchasing a hunting license, whether the hunting license is for a rifle or archery season.

**Hunter Orange Requirement –** Shooting another hunter while swinging the gun on an upland bird is the leading cause of hunting-related accidents in Montana. Although not required, it is strongly recommended that all bird hunters wear at least a hunter orange hat or cap to reduce the chance of an accident.

### Methods of Taking –

- Authorized means of taking is listed under each upland game bird species group. The three-shell (shotgun) limit required for migratory birds does not apply to upland game birds.

**Prohibited Methods of Taking –** It is illegal for anyone to hunt or attempt to hunt any game animal or game bird:

- from any self propelled (that is, motorized) or drawn vehicle. Even if the vehicle is not moving, hunters must be off or out of the vehicle. Holders of PTHFV are the exception to this;
- on, from, or across any public highway or the shoulder, berm, barrow pit or right-of-way of any public highway (the entire width between the boundary lines of every publicly maintained way when any part thereof is open to the use of the public for purposes of vehicular travel, in the State of Montana, MCA 61-1-202); or
- by the aid or with the use of any set gun, jacklight, spotlight or other artificial light, trap, snare, salt lick, or bait, MCA 87-3-101. Baiting shall mean the placing, exposing, depositing, distributing, or scattering of corn, wheat, or other grain or food sources so as to constitute a lure or attraction.

**National Wildlife Refuges** – More restrictive regulations may apply to national wildlife refuges open to public hunting. For additional information on federal regulations, contact Special Agent-in-Charge, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services, POB 25486, Denver Federal Center, Denver, Colorado 80225 (303)234-4612.

**Non-Toxic Shot** – Hunters are reminded that non-toxic shot is required for the hunting of upland game birds on a federal refuge or waterfowl production area. It is required for the hunting of ducks, geese, swans and coots. Only federally approved non-toxic shot can be used on federal refuges (except CMR National Wildlife Refuge) and waterfowl production areas. If hunters have specific questions regarding this regulation, please contact the U. S. Fish & Wildlife Service.

**Recorded or Amplified Calls** – It is unlawful to use any recorded or electrically amplified bird or animal calls or sounds or imitations of bird or animal calls or sounds to assist in the hunting, taking, killing or capturing of any wildlife except predatory animals (MCA 87-3-108).

**Shooting Hours** – Authorized shooting hours for the taking of upland game birds begin one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset each day of the hunting season. See official sunrise-sunset tables in these regulations.

**Shooting Preserves (Private)** – To hunt upland game birds on a private shooting preserve, **resident** hunters must possess a valid upland game bird license and **nonresident** hunters must possess either a valid upland game bird license or a 3-day shooting preserve license.

**Transporting Upland Game Birds** – No person shall transport within the state any sage grouse, sharp-tailed grouse, mountain grouse or partridge unless one fully feathered wing is left naturally attached for species identification. The wing shall remain attached at all times while being transported from the place where taken until it has arrived at the permanent residence of the possessor.

If a hunter puts or leaves any game birds at any place or in the custody of another person, the birds should be tagged by the hunter with the following information: 1) the hunter's ALS number; 2) the hunter's signature; 3) the hunter's address; 4) the total number of birds involved, by species; and 5) the dates such birds were killed. Game birds should be tagged if the birds are being transported by another person for the hunter, or if the birds have been left for cleaning, storage (including temporary storage), shipment or taxidermy services.

**Transporting Pheasants** – It is unlawful to possess or transport within the state any pheasant unless one leg and foot are left naturally attached for evidence of sex. The leg and foot shall remain attached at all times while being transported from the place where taken until it has arrived at the permanent residence of the possessor.

**Wanton Waste** – It is illegal to waste any part of any game animal, game bird, or game fish suitable for food.

Following are game bird parts "suitable for food."

- All birds that fall into the size category of the partridge or smaller, only the breasts must be retained.
- All birds larger than a partridge and up to the size category of, and including, pheasants and sage grouse, the breasts and the thighs must be retained.
- All turkeys: the breasts, thighs and wings must be retained.

**FWP Website – [fwp.mt.gov](http://fwp.mt.gov)** – The FWP website offers a variety of information to help you plan your hunt. You'll find maps, regulations, and links to road reports, weather service sites and US Forest Service. Also check [discoveringmontana.com](http://discoveringmontana.com), the official state website, for a wide variety of information on Montana.

## Hunter Access –

It is your responsibility as a hunter in Montana to always know where you are, to know who owns the land, and to know what access restrictions apply. Always carry a map that clearly marks hunting boundaries, landownership, and travel restrictions. Maps may be obtained at most federal agencies such as U.S. Bureau of Land Management and U.S. Forest Service offices, as well as some sporting goods stores. Also, be sure to visit the FWP website for the Interactive Hunt Planner.

**Block Management:** The Block Management program is a cooperative effort among private and some public landowners, FWP, and hunters. The program seeks to: (1) maintain public hunting access to private and isolated public lands; (2) help landowners manage public hunting and provide benefits to offset impacts like increased road maintenance and weed control; and (3) help FWP manage wildlife. Each FWP Region administers the Block Management Areas (BMAs) for its portion of the state. If you are interested in hunting a BMA, contact the regional office in the area you wish to hunt. Regional tabloids listing lands enrolled in the program are available annually on August 15, which is also the earliest date to reserve access to a BMA. For general information about block management, contact FWP at 406-444-2602.

**Private Land:** Montana law requires permission for all hunting on private land. Even if the land is not posted, hunters must have permission from the landowner, lessee, or their agent before hunting on private property. Landowners may grant permission face-to-face, over the phone, in writing, or by posting signs that explain the type of hunting allowed—game species or sex—and under what conditions. Visit FWP's website for the 2005 Interactive Hunt Planner or visit <http://nris.state.mt.us> for assistance with land ownership.

**Railroad Access:** Railroads and railroad right-of-ways are private property and may not be hunted without permission, nor should they be used as access to other lands (private or public) without explicit permission from the railroad. Consult the individual railroad for details.

**Stream Access:** Big game hunting between the ordinary high water marks of streams and rivers is illegal without landowner permission. Landowner permission must be obtained to hunt private lands adjacent to waterways.

### Public Land:

- National Parks are closed to hunting.
- National Wildlife Refuge lands are closed except those areas designated open to public hunting. For hunting opportunities on National Wildlife Refuges or Federal Waterfowl Production Areas, inquire at the local refuge office.
- For hunting opportunities on federal lands such as U.S. Forest Service or U.S. Bureau of Land Management, inquire at the local federal office.
- Access to public lands through private land requires permission of the private landowner, lessee, or their agent.

**State School Trust Lands:** A \$2 fee paid when you purchase your conservation license, provides hunters, anglers and trappers access to legally accessible State School Trust Lands. Trappers still need to secure a "Special State Lands Recreational Use License" from the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC), usually at no additional charge. Other recreational activities such as hiking and bird watching still require the \$10 fee. These activities cannot, by Federal statute, be covered by the conservation license. These rules apply:

- On lands outside designated campgrounds there is a 2-day camping limit.
- Overnight (2 night) camping is allowed within 200 feet of a legal access point.
- Horses may not be kept on state land overnight.
- Motorized travel is only allowed on public roads or on designated roads.
- Designated roads signed as "open" to motorized vehicle use or the information as to which roads are designated as open is available from the DNRC Offices.

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- Motorized use of other roads and trails and all off-road use is prohibited.
- Game retrieval is by foot or horse only.
- No open fires are allowed except in designated campground fire pits. Contained mechanical heat sources are allowed.
- Firearms may not be discharged within ¼ mile of an inhabited dwelling or outbuilding without permission of the inhabitant.
- State School Trust Lands within Block Management Areas (BMA) may have more liberal regulations. Consult the individual regulations for specific BMAs.
- Additional information regarding the rules, regulations, and restrictions governing these activities is available from FWP or contact DNRC at 406-444-2074.

**State Game Preserves:** State game preserves may or may not be open to general hunting. For more information, contact a regional FWP office.

**State Wildlife Management Areas (WMA):** Wildlife Management Areas are generally open for hunting. They are closed to public entry, unless otherwise posted, from the day following the end of the general deer-elk season or December 1, whichever is later, to May 15 each year, as posted.

- Exceptions: Blackfoot-Clearwater WMA closes November 10; Kootenai Falls WMA is open year long; Porcupine (Gallatin), Dome Mountain, Bear Creek and Wall Creek WMAs open May 1.

**Tribal Land:** Hunters hunting upland game birds on Indian Reservations should check Indian Reservation regulations because season dates, bag limits, licensing requirements, shooting hours, legal species and shot shell requirements may differ from state regulations.

The State of Montana and the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes have entered into a cooperative management agreement on the Flathead Reservation. Please check for upland game bird regulations specific to the Flathead Reservation. For information call the Kalispell Fish, Wildlife & Parks at (406)752-5501 or the Tribes in Pablo at (406)675-2700.

## Species-Specific Hunting Regulations

### Mountain Grouse –

**Statewide Season Dates: September 1 – December 15**

**Bag Limits:** 3 in aggregate daily. Possession limit is four times the daily bag limit.

**Means of Taking:** Blue, Ruffed and Franklin's Grouse may be taken with a shotgun not larger than a ten gauge; a long, recurve or compound bow and arrow; a rifle; or a handgun. All other means of taking are prohibited.

### Sharp-tailed Grouse – (Closed West of the Continental Divide)

**Season Dates: September 1 – January 1**

**Bag Limits:** 4 daily. Possession limit is four times the daily bag limit.

**Means of Taking:** Sharp-tailed grouse may be taken with a shotgun not larger than a ten gauge; or with a long, recurve or compound bow and arrow. All other means of taking are prohibited.

### Sage Grouse – (Closed West of the Continental Divide)

**Season Dates: September 1 – November 1**

**Bag Limits:** 2 daily. Possession limit is two times the daily bag.

**Means of Taking:** Sage grouse may be taken with a shotgun not larger than a ten gauge; or with a long, recurve or compound bow and arrow. All other means of taking are prohibited.

#### Golden Valley County Closed Area:

A portion of Golden Valley County, as described below, will remain closed through fall 2005 season. Closed Area: Approximately 219 square miles of sage grouse habitat north of Lavina, MT. This closure is needed for the department to measure effects of not hunting sage grouse in central Montana in comparison to those areas that remain hunted. The FWP Commission appreciates the cooperation of landowners and hunters in this project; the results of which will be important to the future of upland bird hunting in Montana.

The closure is that portion of Golden Valley County lying within the following-described boundary: Beginning at Ryegate, then north along the Rothiemay Road to the Red Hill Road, then north along said road to the Fergus County Line, then east along said county line to the Golden Valley/Musselshell County line, then south along said line to Highway 12, approximately 5.5 miles east of Lavina, then west on said highway to Ryegate, the point of beginning.

### Partridge –

**Statewide Season Dates: September 1 – January 1**

**Bag Limits:** 8 in aggregate daily. Possession limit is four times the daily bag limit.

**Means of Taking:** Hungarian and Chukar Partridge may be taken with a shotgun not larger than a ten gauge; or with a long, recurve or compound bow and arrow. All other means of taking are prohibited.

#### Exception: (see legal description below).

Portion of Carbon County: September 1 – January 10 of the following year.

Portion of Carbon County within the following described boundary: Beginning at the junction of Route 72 and the Wyoming-Montana state line, then northerly along said route to Bridger, then northerly along Hwy. 310 to Edgar, then east on the Edgar-Pryor Road to the Crow Indian Reservation boundary, then southerly and easterly along said boundary to the west shore of Big Horn Lake, then southerly along said shore to the Wyoming-Montana state line, then west along said state line to its junction with Route 72, the point of beginning.

Note: Chukar partridge occur primarily in Carbon County.

### Ring-necked Pheasant –

**Statewide Season Dates: October 8 – January 1**

**Bag Limits:** 3 cock pheasants daily. Possession limit is three times the daily bag limit.

**Means of Taking:** Pheasants may be taken with a shotgun not larger than a ten gauge; or with a long, recurve or compound bow and arrow. All other means of taking are prohibited.

**Transporting Pheasants:** It is unlawful to possess or transport within the state any pheasant unless one leg and foot are left naturally attached for evidence of sex. The leg and foot shall remain attached at all times while being transported from the place where taken until they have arrived at the permanent residence of the possessor.

## Falconry Season –

**Statewide: Upland Game Birds: September 1 – March 31, the following year (except turkey)**

Bag Limits: 2 daily in aggregate and 6 in possession.

Means of Taking: All areas open to hunting of upland game birds and/or migratory game birds by firearms shall be open to either-sex hunting of that species by falconry.

Falconry Hours: One-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset. Year round sunrise/sunset tables are available at all FWP license providers and on the FWP website.

## Wild Turkey – Fall Season –

**Statewide Season Dates: September 1 – January 1**

Bag Limit: 2 wild turkey, either-sex\*.

\*The total combined limit of the spring and fall seasons cannot exceed two turkeys per hunter.

This allows the hunter to harvest:

- two male turkeys in the spring, as long as at least one of them is harvested in Administrative Region 7; or
- one male turkey in the spring and one either-sex turkey in the fall, or
- two either sex turkeys in the fall, as long as at least one of them is harvested in Administrative Region 7.

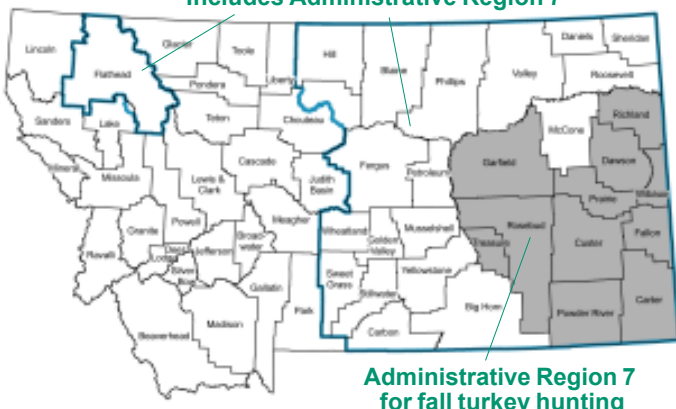
Means of Taking: Wild turkey may be taken with a shotgun not larger than a ten gauge; a long, recurve or compound bow and arrow; a rifle; or a handgun. **Exception:** in Flathead, Lake, Sanders and Lincoln Counties rifles and handguns may not be used.

Tagging: Immediately after harvesting your wild turkey, cut out the proper month and day from the license (if more than one date is cut, the license is invalid) and affix the license to the leg of the wild turkey.

## General Fall Turkey Hunting Areas

The following counties are open to all hunters who hold a valid current year fall turkey license. Special permits are not required in these areas: Hill, FWP Region 6 portion of Chouteau, Fergus, Wheatland, Sweet Grass, Stillwater and Carbon counties and all counties lying east of these; and the Flathead Valley Area as described below.

### Fall Turkey General Hunting Areas – Includes Administrative Region 7



**Administrative Region 7 open to hunting includes:** Garfield, Rosebud, Treasure, Prairie, Custer, Powder River, Richland, Dawson, Wibaux, Fallon and Carter counties.

**Portion of Chouteau County open to hunting includes:** that portion of FWP Region 6 in Chouteau County north of the Missouri and east of the Marias Rivers.

## Flathead Valley Area:

The Flathead Valley Area is open to all hunters who hold a valid fall turkey license. Special permits are not required in the area legally described below.

Hunters are reminded in Flathead, Lake, Sanders and Lincoln Counties rifles and handguns may not be used.

Turkey are found primarily on private land and access is limited and difficult to obtain.

All of Flathead County and that portion of Lake County lying within the following described boundary: Beginning on the shoreline of Flathead Lake at the junction of the Flathead County Line, then easterly along the county line to the Swan Divide, then southerly along said divide to USFS Trail 10 in Section 36, T26N, R18W, then southwesterly along said trail to USFS Road 9508 Six Mile Road), then southerly along said road to Route 83, then southerly along said route to USFS Road 10229 (Porcupine Creek Road), then westerly and southerly along said road to the south boundary of T26N, the 6th Standard Parallel North, then west along said township line to the Flathead Indian Reservation boundary, then north and west along said boundary to the east shore of Flathead Lake, then north along the shore of said lake to the Flathead County line, the point of beginning.

## Special Permit Fall Turkey Hunting Areas

Listed below are areas where limited numbers of fall turkey permits are being made available to hunters through a drawing.

- Applicants must possess a current year conservation license to apply.
- Applications must be postmarked no later than August 1 to be eligible for the drawing.
- Successful applicants will be notified by mail.
- Successful applicants will be required to purchase a valid fall turkey license before hunting.
- Successful applicants are authorized to use their fall turkey permit in conjunction with their fall turkey license, in order to hunt in an area that is otherwise closed to fall turkey hunters.
- Hunting only with shotgun or archery (arch equip).

### Lincoln and Sanders Counties:

Applicants must indicate either Lincoln County or Sanders County area and submit in writing their name, address, and ALS number along with a \$3 nonrefundable drawing fee to Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks, Turkey Drawing, 490 North Meridian Road, Kalispell, MT 59901 or hunters may apply for a fall turkey special permit online at [fwp.mt.gov](http://fwp.mt.gov) or at any FWP regional or area office.

### Lincoln County

**182-50: 150 permits. Lincoln County in its entirety.**

- Sep 01 - Jan 01 – Either Sex Turkey. Shotgun/Archery only.

### Sanders County

**183-50: 150 permits. Sanders (portion) County.**

- Sep 01 - Jan 01 – Either Sex Turkey. Shotgun/Archery only. Permits valid only in portion of Sanders County as described below.

Permits valid only in that portion of Sanders County lying within the following-described boundary: Beginning where the Sanders-Mineral County line meets the Idaho border, then easterly along said line to Greenwood Hill, then northerly along the divide to Penrose Peak, Cherry Peak and Eddy Mountain, then northwesterly down ridge to Clark Fork River and mouth of Thompson River, then northeasterly up said river to the West Fork of the Thompson River, then up said fork to Four Lakes Creek, then westerly up said creek to the North Fork of Four Lakes Creek, then northwesterly up said fork to USFS Road 7671 and USFS Trail 437, then westerly up said trail to USFS Trail 450, then northerly on said trail to Mt. Headley, then northerly along the divide between Graves Creek and West Fork of Fishtap Creek to the Vermilion River Divide, then northerly along the Vermilion-Thompson River Divide to the Sanders-Lincoln County line, then westerly along said line to the Idaho border, then south and southeasterly along said border to the Sanders-Mineral County line, the point of beginning.

## Bitterroot Valley Area:

Applicants must submit in writing their name, address, and ALS number along with a \$3 nonrefundable drawing fee to Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks, Turkey Drawing, 3201 Spurgin Road, Missoula, MT 59804 or hunters may apply for a fall turkey special permit online at [fwp.mt.gov](http://fwp.mt.gov) or at any FWP regional or area office.

### Ravalli County

#### 285-50: 300 permits. Ravalli (portion) County.

- Sep 01 - Jan 01 — Either Sex Turkey. Shotgun/Archery only. Permits valid only in portion of Ravalli County as described below.

Permits valid only in that portion of Ravalli County lying west of the Bitterroot River and north of Tin Cup Creek.

## Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks - Administrative Region 3 and Park County:

Applicants must indicate either Administrative Region 3 or Park County and submit in writing their name, address, and ALS number along with a \$3 nonrefundable drawing fee to Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks, Turkey Drawing, 1400 South 19th, Bozeman, MT 59718 or hunters may apply for a fall turkey special permit online at [fwp.mt.gov](http://fwp.mt.gov) or at any FWP regional or area office.

A total of 44 fall turkey either-sex permits will be issued.

### Fish, Wildlife & Parks Administrative Region 3

#### 395-50: 10 permits. Beaverhead, Silver Bow, Jefferson, Broadwater, Madison, and Gallatin Counties in their entirety.

- Sep 01 - Jan 01 — Either Sex Turkey. Shotgun/Archery only. Not valid on Canyon Ferry Wildlife Management Area.

#### 395-51: 2 permits. Beaverhead, Silver Bow, Jefferson, Broadwater, Madison, and Gallatin Counties in their entirety.

- Sep 01 - Jan 01 — Either Sex Turkey. Only youth ages 12-14. Shotgun/Archery only. Not valid on Canyon Ferry Wildlife Management Area.

### Park County

#### 385-50: 30 permits. Park County.

- Sep 01 - Jan 01 — Either Sex Turkey. Shotgun/Archery only.

#### 385-51: 2 permits. Park County.

- Sep 01 - Jan 01 — Either Sex Turkey. Only youth ages 12-14. Shotgun/Archery only.

## Upland Game Bird and Falconry Closed Areas

**Wildlife Management Areas** with big game winter range are closed to public entry from the day following the end of the general deer/elk season or December 1, whichever is later, to May 15 each year, as posted. (Exception: Blackfoot-Clearwater WMA closes Nov. 10); Kootenai Falls WMA is open year long; Porcupine (Gallatin); Dome Mountain, Bear Creek and Wall Creek WMAs open May 1).

**State Game Preserves and National Parks** shall remain closed to hunting of upland game birds. For hunting privileges on **Indian Reservations and Federal Wildlife Refuges**, inquire at the local Indian Agency or Refuge office.

**That part of Montana lying west of the Continental Divide** is closed to the hunting of sage and sharp-tailed grouse.

**Helena Valley Regulating Reservoir (Lewis and Clark County):** Open to upland game bird hunting until the opening of the waterfowl season, then it will be closed to all hunting. **The Bureau of Reclamation Regulating Reservoir** is located in Section 8, T10N, R2W in the Helena Valley, as posted.

**Freezout Lake Wildlife Management Area (Teton County):** Open to upland game bird hunting until the opening of the general waterfowl season, then it will be closed to all hunting in the following described portion of the Wildlife Management Area: SW 1/4 Section 19, Sections 29 and 30, T22N, R3W, W 1/2 Section 12, W 1/2 of E 1/2 Section 12, and that portion of Sections 13 and 24 within the posted boundary of the Freezout Lake Wildlife Management Area, T22N, R4W. The area closed will reopen November 20.

## Be A Montana Hunter

- Follow the rules of safe gun handling.
- Be proficient in the use of your equipment.
- Know and obey laws and regulations.
- Develop hunting skills and knowledge.
- Develop a personal code of conduct.
- Respect the wildlife you hunt and the land it inhabits.
- Respect other hunters and the rights of non-hunters and landowners.
- Relax and enjoy your hunt, whether you get your game or not.
- Get involved in conserving wildlife and hunting.
- Be a role model; share your skill and knowledge with others.



## Sunrise – Sunset Tables for Determining Hunting Hours

These tables, including adjustments for daylight savings time, are the official sunrise-sunset tables adopted by the Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks Commission for hunting in Montana. **(Do not utilize from other sources).**



### ZONE 1 — INCLUDES: Flathead, Granite, Lake, Lincoln, Mineral, Missoula, Ravalli and Sanders Counties.

Day	Sept. Rise A.M.	Sept. Set P.M.	Oct. Rise A.M.	Oct. Set P.M.	Nov. Rise A.M.	Nov. Set P.M.	Dec. Rise A.M.	Dec. Set P.M.	Jan. Rise A.M.	Jan. Set P.M.
1	6:56	8:15	7:35	7:15	7:19	5:20	8:01	4:49	8:21	4:58
2	6:57	8:13	7:36	7:13	7:20	5:18	8:02	4:49	8:21	4:59
3	6:59	8:11	7:38	7:11	7:22	5:17	8:03	4:49	8:21	5:00
4	7:00	8:09	7:39	7:09	7:23	5:15	8:04	4:48	8:21	5:01
5	7:01	8:07	7:41	7:07	7:25	5:14	8:05	4:48	8:21	5:02
6	7:02	8:05	7:42	7:05	7:26	5:13	8:07	4:48	8:21	5:03
7	7:04	8:03	7:43	7:03	7:28	5:11	8:08	4:48	8:20	5:05
8	7:05	8:01	7:45	7:02	7:29	5:10	8:09	4:47	8:20	5:06
9	7:06	7:59	7:46	7:00	7:31	5:09	8:10	4:47	8:20	5:07
10	7:08	7:57	7:47	6:58	7:32	5:07	8:11	4:47	8:19	5:08
11	7:09	7:55	7:49	6:56	7:34	5:06	8:11	4:47	8:19	5:09
12	7:10	7:53	7:50	6:54	7:35	5:05	8:12	4:47	8:19	5:11
13	7:11	7:51	7:52	6:52	7:37	5:04	8:13	4:48	8:18	5:12
14	7:13	7:49	7:53	6:50	7:38	5:03	8:14	4:48	8:17	5:13
15	7:14	7:47	7:54	6:48	7:39	5:01	8:15	4:48	8:17	5:15
16	7:15	7:45	7:56	6:47	7:41	5:00	8:15	4:48	8:16	5:16
17	7:17	7:43	7:57	6:45	7:42	4:59	8:16	4:48	8:15	5:17
18	7:18	7:41	7:59	6:43	7:44	4:58	8:17	4:49	8:15	5:19
19	7:19	7:39	8:00	6:41	7:45	4:57	8:17	4:49	8:14	5:20
20	7:21	7:37	8:01	6:39	7:47	4:57	8:18	4:50	8:13	5:21
21	7:22	7:35	8:03	6:38	7:48	4:56	8:18	4:50	8:12	5:23
22	7:23	7:33	8:04	6:36	7:49	4:55	8:19	4:51	8:11	5:24
23	7:24	7:31	8:06	6:34	7:51	4:54	8:19	4:51	8:10	5:26
24	7:26	7:29	8:07	6:32	7:52	4:53	8:20	4:52	8:10	5:27
25	7:27	7:27	8:09	6:31	7:53	4:53	8:20	4:53	8:09	5:29
26	7:28	7:25	8:10	6:29	7:55	4:52	8:20	4:53	8:07	5:30
27	7:30	7:23	8:11	6:28	7:56	4:51	8:21	4:54	8:06	5:32
28	7:31	7:21	8:13	6:26	7:57	4:51	8:21	4:55	8:05	5:33
29	7:32	7:19	8:14	6:24	7:58	4:50	8:21	4:56	8:04	5:35
30	7:34	7:17	7:16	5:23	8:00	4:50	8:21	4:56	8:03	5:36
31			7:17	5:21			8:21	4:57	8:02	5:38

### ZONE 2 — INCLUDES: Beaverhead, Broadwater, Cascade, Choteau, Deer Lodge, Gallatin, Glacier, Hill, Jefferson, Lewis & Clark, Liberty, Madison, Meagher, Park, Pondera, Powell, Silver Bow, Teton and Toole Counties.

Day	Sept. Rise A.M.	Sept. Set P.M.	Oct. Rise A.M.	Oct. Set P.M.	Nov. Rise A.M.	Nov. Set P.M.	Dec. Rise A.M.	Dec. Set P.M.	Jan. Rise A.M.	Jan. Set P.M.
1	6:48	8:07	7:27	7:07	7:10	5:12	7:52	4:42	8:12	4:51
2	6:50	8:05	7:28	7:05	7:12	5:11	7:53	4:42	8:12	4:52
3	6:51	8:03	7:30	7:03	7:13	5:10	7:54	4:42	8:12	4:53
4	6:52	8:01	7:31	7:02	7:15	5:08	7:55	4:41	8:12	4:54
5	6:54	7:59	7:32	7:00	7:16	5:07	7:57	4:41	8:12	4:55
6	6:55	7:57	7:34	6:58	7:18	5:05	7:58	4:41	8:12	4:57
7	6:56	7:55	7:35	6:56	7:19	5:04	7:59	4:41	8:12	4:58
8	6:57	7:53	7:36	6:54	7:21	5:03	8:00	4:41	8:11	4:59
9	6:59	7:51	7:38	6:52	7:22	5:01	8:01	4:41	8:11	5:00
10	7:00	7:49	7:39	6:50	7:23	5:00	8:02	4:41	8:11	5:01
11	7:01	7:47	7:41	6:48	7:25	4:59	8:02	4:41	8:10	5:02
12	7:02	7:45	7:42	6:46	7:26	4:58	8:03	4:41	8:10	5:04
13	7:04	7:43	7:43	6:45	7:28	4:57	8:04	4:41	8:09	5:05
14	7:05	7:41	7:45	6:43	7:29	4:55	8:05	4:41	8:09	5:06
15	7:06	7:39	7:46	6:41	7:31	4:54	8:06	4:41	8:08	5:08
16	7:08	7:37	7:47	6:39	7:32	4:53	8:06	4:41	8:07	5:09
17	7:09	7:35	7:49	6:37	7:34	4:52	8:07	4:42	8:07	5:10
18	7:10	7:33	7:50	6:35	7:35	4:51	8:08	4:42	8:06	5:12
19	7:11	7:31	7:52	6:34	7:36	4:50	8:08	4:42	8:05	5:13
20	7:13	7:29	7:53	6:32	7:38	4:50	8:09	4:43	8:04	5:14
21	7:14	7:27	7:55	6:30	7:39	4:49	8:10	4:43	8:04	5:16
22	7:15	7:25	7:56	6:28	7:40	4:48	8:10	4:44	8:03	5:17
23	7:17	7:23	7:57	6:27	7:42	4:47	8:10	4:44	8:02	5:19
24	7:18	7:21	7:59	6:25	7:43	4:46	8:11	4:45	8:01	5:20
25	7:19	7:19	8:00	6:23	7:44	4:46	8:11	4:46	8:00	5:22
26	7:20	7:17	8:02	6:22	7:46	4:45	8:11	4:46	7:59	5:23
27	7:22	7:15	8:03	6:20	7:47	4:44	8:12	4:47	7:58	5:25
28	7:23	7:13	8:05	6:19	7:48	4:44	8:12	4:48	7:57	5:26
29	7:24	7:11	8:06	6:17	7:50	4:43	8:12	4:49	7:56	5:28
30	7:26	7:09	7:07	5:15	7:51	4:43	8:12	4:50	7:54	5:29
31			7:09	5:14			8:12	4:51	7:53	5:31

### ZONE 3 — INCLUDES: Big Horn, Blaine, Carbon, Fergus, Golden Valley, Judith Basin, Musselshell, Petroleum, Phillips, Stillwater, Sweet Grass, Wheatland and Yellowstone Counties.

Day	Sept. Rise A.M.	Sept. Set P.M.	Oct. Rise A.M.	Oct. Set P.M.	Nov. Rise A.M.	Nov. Set P.M.	Dec. Rise A.M.	Dec. Set P.M.	Jan. Rise A.M.	Jan. Set P.M.
1	6:37	7:57	7:17	6:57	7:01	5:01	7:43	4:30	8:04	4:39
2	6:39	7:55	7:18	6:55	7:02	5:00	7:45	4:30	8:04	4:40
3	6:40	7:53	7:20	6:53	7:04	4:58	7:46	4:29	8:04	4:41
4	6:41	7:51	7:21	6:51	7:05	4:57	7:47	4:29	8:04	4:42
5	6:43	7:49	7:22	6:49	7:07	4:55	7:48	4:29	8:03	4:43
6	6:44	7:47	7:24	6:47	7:08	4:54	7:49	4:29	8:03	4:44
7	6:45	7:45	7:25	6:45	7:10	4:52	7:50	4:29	8:03	4:46
8	6:47	7:43	7:26	6:43	7:11	4:51	7:51	4:28	8:03	4:47
9	6:48	7:41	7:28	6:41	7:13	4:50	7:52	4:28	8:02	4:48
10	6:49	7:39	7:29	6:39	7:14	4:49	7:53	4:28	8:02	4:49
11	6:50	7:37	7:31	6:37	7:16	4:47	7:54	4:28	8:01	4:50
12	6:52	7:35	7:32	6:35	7:17	4:46	7:55	4:28	8:01	4:52
13	6:53	7:33	7:33	6:34	7:19	4:45	7:56	4:28	8:00	4:53
14	6:54	7:31	7:35	6:32	7:20	4:44	7:56	4:29	8:00	4:54
15	6:56	7:29	7:36	6:30	7:22	4:43	7:57	4:29	7:59	4:56
16	6:57	7:27	7:38	6:28	7:23	4:42	7:58	4:29	7:59	4:57
17	6:58	7:25	7:39	6:26	7:25	4:41	7:59	4:29	7:58	4:58
18	7:00	7:23	7:41	6:24	7:26	4:40	7:59	4:30	7:57	5:00
19	7:01	7:21	7:42	6:23	7:27	4:39	8:00	4:30	7:56	5:01
20	7:02	7:19	7:43	6:21	7:29	4:38	8:01	4:31	7:56	5:03
21	7:04	7:17	7:45	6:19	7:30	4:37	8:01	4:31	7:55	5:04
22	7:05	7:15	7:46	6:17	7:32	4:36	8:02	4:32	7:54	5:05
23	7:06	7:13	7:48	6:16	7:33	4:35	8:02	4:32	7:53	5:07
24	7:07	7:11	7:49	6:14	7:34	4:34	8:02	4:33	7:52	5:08
25	7:09	7:09	7:51	6:12	7:36	4:34	8:03	4:33	7:51	5:10
26	7:10	7:07	7:52	6:11	7:37	4:33	8:03	4:34	7:50	5:11
27	7:11	7:05	7:54	6:09	7:38	4:32	8:03	4:35	7:49	5:13
28	7:13	7:03	7:55	6:07	7:40	4:32	8:03	4:36	7:48	5:14
29	7:14	7:00	7:57	6:06	7:41	4:31	8:04	4:36	7:46	5:16
30	7:16	6:59	6:58	5:04	7:42	4:31	8:04	4:37	7:45	5:17
31			7:00	5:03			8:04	4:38	7:44	5:19

### ZONE 4 — INCLUDES: Carter, Custer, Daniels, Dawson, Fallon, Garfield, McCone, Powder River, Prairie, Richland, Roosevelt, Rosebud, Sheridan, Treasure, Valley and Wibaux Counties.

	Sept. Day	Sept. Rise A.M.	Sept. Set P.M.	Oct. Rise A.M.	Oct. Set P.M.	Nov. Rise A.M.	Nov. Set P.M.	Dec. Rise A.M.	Dec. Set P.M.	Jan. Rise A.M.	Jan. Set P.M.
1	6:24	7:42	7:02	6:43	6:45	4:48	7:27	4:18	7:47	4:27	
2	6:25	7:40	7:04	6:41	6:47	4:47	7:28	4:18	7:47	4:28	
3	6:26	7:38	7:05	6:39	6:48	4:45	7:29	4:18	7:47	4:29	
4	6:28	7:36	7:06	6:37	6:50	4:44	7:30	4:17	7:47	4:30	
5	6:29	7:34	7:08	6:35	6:51	4:42	7:31	4:17	7:47	4:31	
6	6:30	7:32	7:09	6:33	6:52	4:41	7:32	4:17	7:46	4:32	
7	6:31	7:30	7:10	6:31	6:54	4:40	7:33	4:17	7:46	4:34	
8	6:33	7:28	7:12	6:29	6:55	4:38	7:34	4:17	7:46	4:35	
9	6:34	7:26	7:13	6:27	6:57	4:37	7:35	4:16	7:46	4:36	
10	6:35	7:24	7:14	6:26	6:58	4:36	7:36	4:16	7:45	4:37	
11	6:37	7:22	7:16	6:24	7:00	4:35	7:37	4:16	7:45	4:38	
12	6:38	7:20	7:17	6:22	7:01	4:34	7:38	4:17	7:44	4:40	
13	6:39	7:18	7:18	6:20	7:03	4:32	7:39	4:17	7:44	4:41	
14	6:40	7:16	7:20	6:18	7:04	4:31	7:40	4:17	7:43	4:42	
15	6:42	7:14	7:21	6:16	7:05	4:30	7:40	4:17	7:43	4:43	
16	6:43	7:12	7:22	6:14	7:07	4:29	7:41	4:17	7:42	4:45	
17	6:44	7:10	7:24	6:13	7:08	4:28	7:42	4:18	7:41	4:46	
18	6:45	7:08	7:25	6:11	7:10	4:27	7:42	4:18	7:41	4:47	
19	6:47	7:06	7:27	6:09	7:11	4:26	7:43	4:18	7:40	4:49	
20	6:48	7:04	7:28	6:07	7:12	4:25	7:44	4:19	7:39	4:50	
21	6:49	7:02	7:29	6:06	7:14	4:25	7:44	4:19	7:38	4:52	
22	6:51	7:00	7:31	6:04	7:15	4:24	7:45	4:20	7:37	4:53	
23	6:52	6:58	7:32	6:02	7:16	4:23	7:45	4:20	7:37	4:55	
24	6:53	6:57	7:34	6:01	7:18	4:22	7:45	4:21	7:36	4:56	
25	6:54	6:55	7:35	5:59	7:19	4:22	7:46	4:22	7:35	4:57	
26	6:56	6:53	7:37	5:57	7:20	4:21	7:46	4:22	7:34	4:59	
27	6:57	6:51	7:38	5:56	7:22	4:20	7:46	4:23	7:32	5:00	
28	6:58	6:49	7:39	5:54	7:23	4:20	7:47	4:24	7:31	5:02	
29	7:00	6:47	7:41	5:53	7:24	4:19	7:47	4:25	7:30	5:03	
30	7:01	6:45	6:42	4:51	7:25	4:19	7:47	4:26	7:29	5:05	
31			6:44	4:49			7:47	4:26	7:28	5:06	

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